

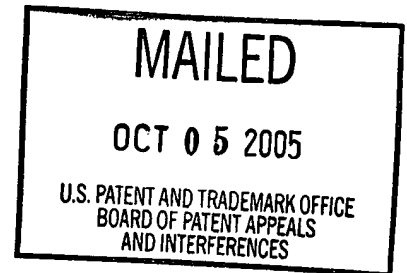
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte KIMBERLY ANN MUDAR
and RAM KUMAR RAMESH

Application No. 09/426,827



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 3, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on June 25, 2002. It is not clear from the record whether or not this IDS has been considered and the Form 1449 needs to be signed. The examiner needs to consider the Information Disclosure Statement and acknowledge such consideration.

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On December 30, 2004, an Examiner's Answer was mailed. A review of the Examiner's Answer reveals that is not in compliance with the headings as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(c).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for:

1) consideration and proper written response to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 22, 2002;

2) the examiner's signature on the 1449 is required; and

3) vacate the Examiner's Answer dated March 16, 2005,

4) prepare a revised Examiner's Answer to include all appropriate headings under 37 CFR 41.37(c);

5) for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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